GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PERSONNEL,PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS
LOK SABHA

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PAYMENT OF PENSION THROUGH THE BANKS
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Will the Minister of PERSONNEL,PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has been made compulsory that the Union Government pensioners would be provided pensions through the banks and the Government treasuries of Uttar Pradesh have stopped payment of pensions to the Union Government pensioners;

(b) if so, the reasons therefore;

(c) whether the banks are also not making payment of pensions in hilly areas particularly in Garhwal of Uttar Pradesh to the Union Government pensioners;

(d) if so, the instructions/guidelines issued by the Union Government in this regard;

(e) whether the Union Government pensioners are likely to be paid their outstanding pension amount with interest thereon; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING AND DEPARTMENT OF PENSION AND PENSIONERS` WELFARE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS

(SMT. VASUNDHARA RAJE)

(a) & (b): The Government of Uttar Pradesh has intimated that while the system of payment of pension through the treasuries has not been stopped, the State Government has, however, issued instructions stopping disbursement of pension to Central Government pensioners by the treasuries. This has been done in pursuance of the orders of the Accountant General (AG), Uttar Pradesh pointing out financial loss because of the time-lag in receiving reimbursement from the Central Government of the pension amounts being disbursed by the State treasuries.

(c) & (d): The designated banks in UP have been disbursing pension to the pensioners in the hilly areas also. However, because of the implementation of AG`s orders and transfer of authorisation from the treasuries to the banks, certain difficulties have surfaced. These are being overcome by allowing pensioners to draw pension through the treasuries as a temporary measure in cases where the changed authorisations have not been received.

(e) & (f): Remedial actions have been taken to mitigate hardship of pensioners in this region. Under the existing pension rules, interest is not payable on delayed payment of pension.